

# THE GREATEST OF THE PEOPLE'S OWNERSHIP

## Payne Gives His Statement to the American People Who Own all the Routes and Hire All of the Employees.

(Journal Special Service.)  
 Washington, Jan. 11.—As interesting a report as any yet submitted by a federal department is probably that published by Postmaster-General Payne. Comprehensive in its entirety, it tells of the advantageous progress of the postal system, dealing particularly with the great growth and benefits of the free delivery system.

A synopsis of the report follows:  
 By executive order, dated January 31, 1902, postal employees were forbidden, either directly or indirectly, individually or through associations, to solicit an increase of pay or to influence or attempt to influence in their own interest any other legislation whatever, either before congress or its committees, or in any way save through the heads of the departments in or under which they serve, on penalty of dismissal from the government service. In consequence of this order there have been presented to the department by committees representing various classes of postal employees, statements setting forth the reasons why such employees deem their claims for increased compensation to be well founded.

### Financial Results.

The following is the result of the financial operations of the department for the year, compared with the previous fiscal year:

Revenue	1902	1903
Money-order business	1,880,817.88	2,230,808.24
Total receipts	\$121,848,047.26	\$124,224,443.24
Total expenditures	124,785,997.07	128,754,457.07

Excess of expenditures over receipts \$ 2,937,949.81 \$ 4,526,044.73

An increase in the deficit over the previous year of \$1,622,394.92, which is, however, \$1,042,183 less than the estimated deficit for the year.

The estimated deficit for 1904 is \$7,206,996.85.

### Money Orders Increase.

The postal money order business continues to increase at a very rapid rate. The increase in the business in the United States for the year 1903, as compared with 1902, is as follows:

Amount of domestic orders issued	1902	1903
Amount of orders paid and repaid	1,815,220,488.98	2,053,627,948.08
Excess of receipts over expenses paid from the proceeds	1,052,981.82	1,904,857.63

The international business shows a still greater increase, as compared with the preceding fiscal year, the increase in the number of orders issued being 603,038, with an increase of 446,465 in the number of orders paid, an increase of \$12,845,462.52 in the amount of orders issued and an increase of \$5,861,843.11 in the amount of orders paid.

### Traveling Postoffices.

On June 30, 1903, there were 1,400 lines of traveling postoffices, covering 189,298 miles in length; the number of

# WILL ORGANIZE TO FIGHT MEAT TRUST

## INDEPENDENT PACKING CO. INCORPORATED WITH CAPITAL STOCK OF \$5,000,000—PACKERS' COMBINE HAS KILLED COMPETITION—SITE IS NOW TO BE SELECTED.

There seems to be no diminution, however, in the number of so-called "gouging contests," which since the enactment of the federal lottery laws have largely taken the place of ordinary lottery enterprises. Indeed, so far from decreasing in number, these schemes are becoming more and more widespread, while the scale of their operation is constantly growing. It would be difficult to estimate the number of these contests now being carried on, but it may safely be said that they run far into the hundreds, and that by means of them prizes of money and property aggregating several hundred thousand dollars are distributed every year.

Very Pernicious.

While in their practical consequences these schemes are almost, if not quite, as pernicious and detrimental to the public as ordinary lotteries, they have been held by attorneys-general of the United States and by a federal court, in which a prosecution in the nature of a test case was instituted, not to come within the prohibitions of the lottery statutes. The need of legislation authorizing the exclusion from the mails of all matter relating to this class of enterprises is plainly evident.

### For Self-Protection.

"We were obliged to form this company to protect ourselves," continued Mr. Wilson, "for the meat trust has now full control of the packing industry and has practically killed all competition. From July 15, 1902, until the same time a year later, the price of live stock dropped almost 50 per cent. But dressed meats remained at practically the same figures—that is, beef and mutton; so where does the raiser get off? Neither he nor the consumer can gain anything. And as a result fully 20 per cent of the stock growers were forced out of the business."

"Armour, Swift and the rest of the meat trust, in 1902, bought up nine independent packing-houses, practically destroying all competition, paying it \$31,000,000 for them. Now the consumer and the grower are paying for these plants."

Where the principal packing plant of the new company will be located is not known. Kansas City, St. Joseph, Denver, Fort Worth or some point on the Pacific slope have all been mentioned.

### Will Buy in Open Market.

"It is the intention of the Independent Packing company," continued Mr. Wilson, "to buy its animals in the open markets and to keep away from brokers' manipulations as much as possible. The company is organized under the laws of the territory of Arizona, and sale of stock is not restricted to any class."

"If that is the case," was asked, "why cannot members of the packing trust buy up stock and gain control of the new company?"

Mr. Wilson's answer was to read from the prospectus of the concern, this provision:

"Fifty per cent of the stock of the company is to be issued to fifteen trustees, under an agreement with the company for the benefit of the subscribers, and under the terms of the subscriptions, the trustees are to issue to each subscriber a 'trustee's certificate' for 51 per cent of the amount of stock subscribed for when fully paid. These trust certificates may be sold and transferred upon the books of the company, and dividends paid the holder on the same, but the voting power of same remains in the hands of the committee."

"You see," he said, "the trustees are elected for a term of ten years, and

### Preparing for the Strenuous Life.

From the Washington Star.

"Don't you think it would be a good idea for Josh to put more time on his books an' less on football?" said Mrs. Cortossel.

"No," answered the farmer; "Josh is goin' to live in New York, an' I've noticed that the feller who manages to get through the crowd here is the one who knows how to use his knees an' elbows an' not the one who is readin' a paper."

# JAIL EMERGENCY HOSPITAL IS OFF

## CHIEF MUST REFUSE TO GIVE UP A SUITABLE ROOM—IN VIEW OF CONTEMPLATED IMPROVEMENTS IT WAS NOT DEEMED WISE TO SPEND ANY MONEY.

The emergency hospital, which was to have been established at the city jail, is for the present a dead issue. City Physician Zan said today:

"I have for many months been trying to have established this important institution. That it is necessary no one denies, and it could be fitted up and maintained at a very small cost."

"Chief Hunt is not willing to give up a part of the detectives' room for this purpose, which would be entirely satisfactory for the purpose. He has offered us a place upstairs which would require several hundred dollars to put in condition."

"At the last meeting of the state board of health it was decided for the present to abandon the project altogether. It is anticipated that some radical changes will be made in the way of improvement at the city jail, and in this event the money now used for the emergency hospital would be wasted. When the rearrangement of the jail takes place we will then try and get a location."

# FIRST STAMP MILL IN OLD CLACKAMAS

(Journal Special Service.)  
 Oregon City, Jan. 11.—The first stamp mill ever erected in Clackamas county will be installed by the Molalla Central Mining company on its claim near Oglet Creek, in the Cascade mountains, just so soon as the weather will permit in the spring. This action was decided upon by the board of directors of the company at a meeting held on Friday evening. This action upon the part of the company was decided upon after an assay of the latest samples brought out of the mine by Mr. Welsh, who returned from the mountains last week. The assay was as follows: Lowest grade ore, 116.76; next grade, 375.94; full test across the ledge, \$310.35; selected samples, \$2,574.31. Just so soon as the snow goes out of the mountains the people of the Molalla neighborhood will begin the building of a road from the foothills into the mines, and for that purpose have subscribed \$700 in labor. The residents of Molalla Prairie have great faith in the Oglet creek mines, and say these mountains will be prospected from one end to the other next summer.

### Albany Gets Factory.

The Corvallis Carriage factory is to be removed to Albany as is at last brought to the realization of local townpeople. Out at the factory a chute is in course of construction from the north side of the building to a connection with the C. & E. R. R. switch. As soon as this chute is completed the task of removing the machinery will begin, to be followed by the razing of the building itself. This is a huge undertaking, and several months will no doubt be required to complete the job. The factory is an immense building, and its removal will leave a gap in Corvallis that will cause the observer to pause and wonder "What's happened?"

### About Velvets.

Gay velvet is inlaid in coat collars, a la militaire.

Shirred velvet forms the very lovely collar of an evening coat.

Velvets covered with delicate traceries in chenille in same tone are a novelty.

Velvet pastilles, as well as chenilles, are used in the adorning of modish finishes.

# AT THE THEATRES

## "AT THE WHITE HORSE TAVERN."

A most pleasing interpretation is given "At the White Horse Tavern" by the Baker Theatre Stock company. Capacity houses greeted both performances yesterday, and curtain calls were numerous. There is nothing trashy or vulgar about the play, and no strained situations. The complications arise most naturally and are often exorcisingly funny.

No more pleasing character acting has ever been seen at the Baker than that offered by Charles Edwin Inslee as Walter Hilmelman, a tutor and ideal traveler. Oza Waldrop appears as Clara, his daughter, and talks with a lisp. They both made an instantaneous "hit" and were applauded at every appearance.

The story of the play deals with the trip of a number of Berlin people to the Alps for pleasure and recreation. There several love affairs commence and the most unexpected and comical situations follow.

William Dills even surprised his friends by his clever interpretation of the role of William Glesnecks, a traveling Berlin lamp manufacturer. George Allison looked the part of Leopold Brand, the head waiter, and made a most entertaining foreigner. Esther Lyon as Josephine, the inkeeper, and William Bernard appeared as Frederic Seiler, an attorney. Howard Russell was billed as Arthur Suro, a young man prematurely bald, and evoked much merriment.

The scenic feature to the production is a rainstorm in the first act, which is very realistic. Real water is used.

## "RIP VAN WINKLE."

Miss Jessie Shirley, leading lady with the company now playing at Corvallis, had the pleasure of watching a performance of "Rip Van Winkle" last evening and enjoyed the opportunity of applauding with the rest the meritorious efforts of her co-actors.

George D. McQuarrie appeared as "Rip," and made a faithful picture of the vagabond Dutchman. Miss Laura Adams was Gretchen, his wife, Wilson Forbes, as Dedrick von Beekman, was good.

The play will continue until Thursday, when "The Deacon's Daughter," with Miss Shirley in the cast, will open for the remainder of the week.

### STUDIOWAYS GETS THE BAKER.

The Baker theatre has been added to the circuit of Northwestern playhouses under the control of the Northwestern Theatrical association. For some time the theatre held out against the trust, and Edward Shields was alleged to have a six-months' contract with the management of the house to present vaudeville. Mr. Shields is now in Portland and the announcement makes it evident that an amicable arrangement was made with him.

Florence Roberts begins her week's engagement at the Marquam Grand theatre tonight with a handsome production of the society play, "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson." The play is a Clyde Fitch production. The story is full of dramatic strength, expressed in smart, witty dialogue, abounding in comedy and presented with elaborate stage settings and magnificent costumes. "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson" will be continued until Wednesday night inclusive, and will be followed by "Sapho," Thursday night, "Gloconda," Friday, and "Zaza," Saturday matinee and night.

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